Saturday News Special Service From Lands Across the Sea



IS HARD TO SELL BOGUS ANTIQUES

Mrs. Potter Palmer's Experience And How She Profited by The Same.

What Lady Mary Has Seeu and Learned Among the Aristocracy Of the World's Metropolis.

*ONDON, April 10.-Dealers in bogus antiques no longer reap the golden harvests from rich Americans they were wont to do. The rich Americans have grown exceedingly wary in the matter of purchasing things whose value is supposed to be greatly enhanced by age. Once bitten they are more than twice shy. They have a greater horror than any other folk of being taken in. Because they feel it is incumbent on them to maintain the national reputation for shrewdness. They are largely responsible for the creation of a new profession here—that of the expert on antiques who gives lessons on how to distinguish between the genuine and the spurious, Mrs. Glasgow, who recently made a triumphal entry into the royal circle, has been taking lessons in this branch of knowledge from Guy Laking, art adviser to her majesty, the queen. I am told that she pays something like \$50 for an hour's tuition. and considers the money well invested. Other wealthy women who have no inclination for pursuing such studies themselves will buy nothing in the antique line, however tempting a bargain may be offered them, unless they have first obtained the judgment of a connoissuer.

MRS, PALMER'S METHOD.

That is the method now pursued by Mrs. Potter Palmer. She has paid a high price for the experience which has taught her wisdom. When she trusted to her own judgment shady dealers found her an easy victim. They nicknamed her Mrs. "Pot-o'-money" Palmer. They have dropped that now. They can no longer palm off their fraudulent wares on Mrs. Palmer. In May she will reopen Hampden House, the Mayfair mansion which she leases from the Duke of Abercorn, who is too hard up to maintain a town residence. It is a big place and therein lies its chief charm for Mrs. Palmer, for externally it is on of the plainest-one might even say ugliest-private houses in London. But its rooms are lofty and spacious and lend themselves well to entertainments on a large scale. It is being extensively refurnished. Which means that the bogus antiques are being cleared out and the genuine sort installed in their place.

AMERICAN BELLE.

Several people seem to think Miss Carter, daughter of Ridgley Carter of the American embassy, the American belle of the moment. She has been political evening parties and has had an undoubted success. It always means much for a debuttante to be reputed engaged to two or three peers' sons, and this has fallen to the lot of Miss Carter, though I know for a fact she is still quite fance free. Neit Primrose, Lord Rosebery's second son, has been dancing a good deal with her. This fact has set the gossips talking. She might do worse than marry this younger son, Many people, including his father, think he is cleverer than Lord Dalmeny, his sider brother. There are very few with her mother to several of the big

boast of a magnificent town house in the heart of Mayfair. Such a one belongs to Neil Primrose, who was left

it by his grandaunt, the late Miss Cohen, together with a large fortune to keep it up, and help him along in his political career. It is, of course, let, as he does not intend to use it until he marries. Neil Primrose's only little weakness is a desire to have a slight flutter at the tables at Monte Carlo once in a while. He has sufficient discretion, however, to know when to stop ANOTHER SUITOR.

Another suitor who has been assigned to Miss Carter is Sir Charles Hartopp, the ex-husband of the present Count ess Cowley, a lady who is not received in society since her notorious divorce case. Although Sir Charles is what we call "a good sort" and decidedly popular in what is termed "the Devonshire House set," he is never likely to receive the slightest encouragement from Miss Carter or her parents.

LOOKING BETTER.

Lady Hesketh is, as the phrase goes 'pulling herself together." I have met her about a good deal lately looking much better in health. She has quite got over the first effects of her serious financial losses in the San Francisco earthquake. She is a native of that city, being a daughter of the late Senator Sharon. For some time after the catastrophe in San Francisco it was feared she would retire altogether from society. She lost interest completely in her looks which I think everyone ad-

ner looks which I think everyone admits, shows a serious condition where women are concerned.

At one time she was a great friend of King Edward then Prince of Wales. He used to say she was the best lady whip he ever sat beside in the days when she and the late Lady Howe were rivels in the art of driving four-inrivals in the art of driving four-in-hand, and she was one of the very few the heir to the throne would trust himself with in such sport.

BREAK WITH KING.

But for some years past Lady Hes keth and the king have not "hit" it off well. I saw her deliberately ignore him at a race meeting at Newmarket when his majesty was undoubtedly watching to catch her eye to raise his hat. Nevertheless at a big party the other day, the Princess of Wales was other day, the Frincess of Wates was quite gushing—for her—to Lady Hesketh. Her royal highness was making close inquiries about the long illness of the American and wound up by saying, "You must come and have tea with us while we are at Frogmore for the Faster holidays." the Easter holidays."
This makes one think that the future

This makes one think that the future queen of England is about to become gracious to Americans whom hitherto she has so persistently snubbed, the two exceptions being, as I have frequently mentioned, the Duchess of Roxburghe and Lady Paget.

REDUCED WINE ORDERS.

The wine merchants of London are complaining because of the reduced orders with which they are now favored by the mighty. Edward VII is in a measure responsible for this where men are concerned, while it is generally admitted here that American women are the pioneers of temperance among their own sex in upper class circles. Fashionable restaurant and swagger

hotel proprietors are naturally considerably perturbed, too, at the state of affairs. It was on the wines that much of their profits were made. The other of their profits were flade. The other night at supper at the Carlton it was a revelation to see how little wine was consumed. I noticed that at seven tables there was only one at which champaign was drunk. At that one large bottle was made to do for four people. At the other table mineral warrows and temonade were the beverages. or nearly two years King Edward has not been allowed to touch cham-pairt. This is a great privation to him, but realizing his great tendency to him, but realizing his great tendency to acidity he knows the importance of not taking it and now confines himself to whisky and soda. He carries his own whisky about with him and pays handsomely at the hotels for corkage. This brand is 16 years ald, and warranted not to hurt—if taken in moderation.

Queen's Scheme for American Duchess.

Latter's Condition, on Account of Troubles With Duke, Was Such That Her Friends Became Uneasy-Endangered Her Health, Even Her Life By Earnestness With Which She Engaged in Slum Reform Work.

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, April 10 .- Consuelo Vanderbilt, Duchess of Marlborough, now practically has completed plans for a unique charity on a big scale. She has done it so quietly the facts are made known here for the first time. The duchess hasn't joined the directorate of the Church Army as some American papers have been saying, nor is she going to work in its ranks, nor to devote her time and money to it. She has, it is true, given her help to the Army's "firewood department" for several years, but so have many other artistocratic women of England. No, the charity on which just embarked is her own. She is the supreme head in planning, in

management. This new benevolent enterprise of the duchess' takes the form of a home in London for wemen and children of a special and previously almost neglected lass. They are the wives and children of imprisoned criminals-innocent sufferers for the misdeeds of husbands and fathers-and to make a home for them or at least some of them, the Duchess of Marlborough has just taken a 21 years' lease of a roomy building in Endsleigh streat. St. Pancras. This is being reconstructed entirely by her orand time has proved their usefulness, the duchess, out of her American mil-lions, may put up special buildings or add to her leases the adjoining houses on the same block. For with her this is on the same block. For with her this is not a new charitable occupation of the Lenten season, nor the passing and forced duty of a great lady of the land, but a life work in carrying out which she hopes to solve one of London's many social problems.

FAMILY TROUBLE.

ders, of course, are familiar with Readers, or course, are familiar with the family troubles of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. The duchess has the friendship of Queen Alexandra. By marriage her aunt is the Marchion-ess of Lahsdowne, wife of the former foreign ministers She is the acknowlforeign ministers She is the acknowledged leader among women in political society. Lady Lansdowne also is a great friend of the queen, and may become mistress of the robes at court. The queen and Lady Lansdowne deeply sympathize with the duchess. They have cheered her up and advised her appropriate than one occasion.

on more than one occasion, Soen after the estrangement between the Marlboroughs the queen suggested that the duchess devote her time to hard work in order to get her mind off her troubles. Her mother, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, was with the duchess at the time, and together they went to the Church Army and had a talk with its leader, the Rev. Wilson Carlie. The ducess wanted occupation which would not bring her before the public. Mr. Carlile took her to No. 6 prisoners' wives and families. The work is carried on in a modest way without publicity by Mrs. Hodder, wife of Capi. Hodder, the man in charge of the firewood department of the Church Army.

ASKED TO HELP. duchess was asked to help, and s of cotton to be made into sheets underclothing, boots and shoes— ything, in fact, that Mrs. Hodder was needed. And she began visit-the wives of the failbirds. Ricketty notsome slums she climbed by e. Dark, evil-smelling and evil-alleys and tumbledown rook-

Mrs. Belmont stepped in and stopped her. It was dangerous work. There was not only fear of infection. ut fear that she would give way phys-ally under the heavy self-imposed asks. There was no thought on the courageous little woman's part of at-tack, perhaps murder by some drunk-en rufflian in that crime-infested dis-

It was Christmas time, and though her stranuous work was stopped the duchess continued being the good angel. She ordered a basket of provisions—real Christmas fare—to be sent to every family on the army's roll whose father was in prison. It will be remembered that the duchess' children, the Marquis of Blandford and Lord Ivor Churchill such like simple industries.

After Christmas this blow completely

For many a day the duchess, Mrs. overwhelmed her. Occupation for her mind had been taken from her by Mrs. Belmont's insistence for her welfare. WERE IN DESPAIR.

Her relatives and her friends were in despair. Again Queen Alexandra came to aid the stricken young American. Her majesty sent for Mr. Carlife. "The duchess is interested in your work among prisoners' families," she said, "say, why not turn it over to her entirely? She is not strong enough to aid as a helper or visitor. But give her this little charity of yours as a nucleus to little charity of yours as a nucleus to greater things and she will be too busy directing the affairs and managing them to think of her troubles."

Mr. Carlile immediately followed her majesty's suggestion. In his frantically nergetic way he rushed to Sunderland joined them. He imparted some of his nthusiasm even to Mr. Belmont The duchess doubted if she ould successfully manage such a char-

"I cannot help that," he said. "It is turned over absolutely to you. Do with it what you will. I have nothing more to do with it. I will help you, of course if you want advice. But it is you from now on to do with it as you like The queen sent privately for the uchess. The two talked for an hour r more in Buckingham Palace—not as highly-placed ladies-but as women.

Next day the Duchess of Marlborough motored with her mother down to No. 6 Banner street, and took over the Church Army's little nucleus as her

HARDEST OF WORK.

own, her very own charity. There fol-lowed many days of hard office work. And it was on one of these days that new project of the duchess, now

the new project of the duchess, now being carried out, was born.

In Banner street is a big white-washed building—the Houseless Poor asylum. This was started in 1819 and the original work is still carried on, but by the Church Army, which has its kindling-wood brigade's headquarters there. Mrs. Hodder, six years ago, perthere. Mrs. Hodder, six years ago, per-sonally started befriending the families of men in jail. The work grew to such proportions that she called the attention of the Church Army to it. Four rooms in a building across the street were rented and Mrs. Hodder's pet charity established there. It is this little beginning which the Duchess of Marlborough has taken over. Today's contains the names of more than

Bountiful indeed but for the staying hand of her lieutenant, Mrs. Hodder, The very poor remain contentedly in the gutter for all time if given abundant food and clothing in return for-nothing. Slowly the Duchess learner the science of real charity, learned how the science of real charity, learned how to reclaim the lowest of the low. In a week she was not the fine lady, but the superintendent of the Prisoners' Families Aid Society, with Mrs. Hedder as her assistant superintendent. Daily she attended the office and on Friday mornings she held the weekly levee. On that day all the mothers and their children on the roll have to attend and report. At the daily session only new report. At the daily session cases or emergencies are looked after.

OUTLINED HER PLANS.

It was after the first week that the duchess astonished her lieutenant by outlining her plans. She announced that the society would continue in Banner street only until she was able to get new and proper quarters. Pirstly, she explained, there should be a building devoted to children. Here the little ones should live until their father's sentence ended and the family-could be united once more. Here they uld be united once more.

could be united once more. Here they should be taught to work, to read and write and to play.

The next item of the duchess' plan was a maternity home, properly and thoroughly equipped as a real home rather than a cold, whitewashed maternity hospital.

Lastly she declared she would have a woman's home. Here prisoners' wives were to be housed, at least those whose health or condition needed something better than the wretched accommodation of a single dingy room or filthy hovel. And here there should be an employment bureau and skilled women to isaab these prison-

FINDING A HOME.

For many a day the duchess, Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Hodder drove round in the duchess' motor car, visiting addresses of suitable buildings given them by real estate agents. Nohe suited until Endsleigh street was reached. There are situated some large houses almost under the shadow of the old gray church of St. Pancras. No 16 was vacant. It contains 14 large rooms, and is four stories in height, in addition to a commodious basement. The two houses on each side are at present occupied though one is "to be let." So the duchess closed the deal for No. 16, buying the lease, which has 21 years to run. The tenants of one of the other houses want \$1,900 before they agree to move, and with other little snags in move, and with other little snags in sight. Consuelo has handed the mat-

ter over to an agent, and will go ahead with the one house.

The four big rooms now rented in Banner street will be continued until such time as the duchess decides to such time as the duchess decides to move everything to Endsleigh street. But her office, the headquarters of her new charity, will be moved at once to No. 16, and there also will be established the employment bureau. On the register of names to be kept there will be placed the occupation. On the register of names to be kept there will be placed the occupation best suited to each woman. The duchess then will advertise in the daily papers or her little office staff will answer advertisements. Many of the women, if they can do nothing else, will go into domestic service, knowing full well that their children are comfortable and well cared for at the children's home.

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The entire responsibility, expense and management will be in the hands of the duchess. She may ask the aid of helpers from the Church Army, from the dainty dames of high society or she may be satisfied with the simple help of the women to whom she now has become the guardian and ministering angel.

"569 MAYFAIR."

The other day I visited Banner street. It is long and narrow. It is a mixed street of mammoth modern factories and ancient tumbledown tenement houses. No. 6 because of tenement houses. No. 6 because of its white wash, is unmistakable. I entered the desk-crowded little office. The first thing that caught my eye was a "busy number" telephone list, written in ink and pasted on the wall next the telephone.

The figures "569 Mayfair" stood out from among the score of roots play.

The figures "569 Mayfair" stood out from among the score of more plebeian numbers of butchers, bakers and candlestick-makers. And opposite those figures, sandwiched in between butcher and baker, was the name "Duchess of Martborough."

A youth in clean but threadbare suit smiled as I questioned him.

"Yes," he said, "that's one of the busicst numbers. Sometimes it's being called a dozen times a day."

Mrs. Hodder, the duchess' lieutenant, and the woman who originated

ant, and the woman who originate the work for prisoners' families, can to me then and told me the detail of the system and of the duches.

Immediate though measured relie is afforded all applicants. The first requisite is generally paying up the back rent and the few shillings for the Current rent.
On one occasion when the duchess herself went to settle the rent she

herself went to settle the rent al aiready on the sidewalk among their few poor sticks of furniture. There were other piles of household goods strewn around, for the whole house was being evicted. Police had to be called, because the fathers of two of the families were drunk and fighting hard. These two loafers saw the duchess paying money for her poore ione process, incoming staggered over and demanded mone for themselves. Fortunately the police saw the situation in time and rescue saw the situation in time and rescue saw the situation in time and rescue saw the situation in time. the duchess, whom, however, they did

the duchess, whom, however, they did not recognize.

As soon as the rent is paid and the little home, however humble, saved to the mother, she is detailed for work in Banner street. She sews—plain sewing of rough mattress covers or sheets or coarse clothing. If she is a good seamstress or develops into one, finer sewing is given her. If unable to use a needle she sorts paper and rags. But at what-ever task she is put she is given her dinner and toa and full union wages. Some of the women earn as much as \$5

RAG SORTING WORK. This rag sorting work promises to dehas appealed to all her friends and through them to practically all the better class to send waste paper and contents of their rag bags to Banner street. The paper is sorted into qualities for the paper mills and the rags into cottons, wools and silks for sale to rag merchants. merchants.
At the Friday gatherings the chil-

dren, one by one, pass her chair. Some she takes on her lap. Others stop in front of her while she talks to them and front of her while she talks to them and examines them and their condition. She picks up each foot of each child to see for herself the condition of the boots and shoes. If they are in bad condition an aid takes the child and rummages in a cupboard filled with old footwear and fits the child as best she can. Because of the duchess' special care for the feet of the little ones, Mrs. Hodder has named the cupboard "The Duchess' Cupboard," and it bears this name in heat white letters.

RED LETTER DAY. It was a red letter day in Banner street when the duchess' two sons were given back to her. She announced the eventful news herself. Those who were with her that day say she was almost a young girl again. She sang and laughed and romped with her juvenile proteges. She was as gay as previously she had been sad and wistful.

Next day Banner street welcomed the

little Marquis of Blandford and Lord Ivor Churchill, his younger brother. The duchess brought them in her motor car. The boys at first were much bored, but soon got interested, and worked for a good hour shoulder to shoulder with their mother and enjoyed acting as her alds and in fitting shoes and boots to the feet of the poor little children. Be-fore leaving the boys presented each of the children with a cake and a bag of candy, and for this reason, if no other, the visit of these little Anglo-American aristocrats will be remembered in dingy

The absence of the duchess in the Riviera during Lent was greatly felt. Mrs. Hodder carried on the work, but there were anxious inquiries daily for the duchess. Reports were sent t to her villa on the sunny shore of the Mediterranean and instructions, with checks inclosed, came weekly from her. she knows the women and children by came and her letters bore many a pernal message. In the midst of her absence there

ame suddenly to Banner street, as her friendly representative, no less a per-sonage than the Princess of Wales. Her reval highness was accompanied by the Countess of Airlie. The princess came ate in the day, however, and instead of he duchess hundred or more women, ound but a dozen. She shook hands and talked with each of them. One and talked with each of them. One bright-faced woman, a burglar's wife, was asked how many children she had. "Seven." was her reply. "One more than I," said the princess with a laugh. The women and children enjoyed the visit of England's princess, but she was not quite a satisfactory substitute, after all, for the American duchess. CHARLES BYNG-HALL.

CHILD OF THREE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A MAN.

Special Correspondence.

Paris, April 10 .- A truly remarkable and probably unprecedented experience has just befallen little Georges Tolut, of Neuily. At the early age of three years he has been sentenced by the criminal court to ten days' imprisonment for "assault and battery." The plaintiff, M. Winkel, is a full grown man and it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to guess how a child of three could have assaulted

The answer to the strange conundrum is this. The plaintiff alleges that he was assaulted by a man about his own ago named Tolut, and he took out, a summons against "Georges Tolut." But Georges Tolut happens to be aged three, and the father, whom the plain tiff really intended to prosecute, is Al bert Tolut. But this was all unknown to the court, and when no defendant appeared in response to the summons, Georges Tolut was sentenced by de-

Georges Tolut was sentenced by default to ten days imprisonment for damages to M. Winkel.

The infantile defendant has lodged an appeal—not by himself, as of course, he is under age, but by his father as legal guardian. But as the courts know of no case against any other Tolut, the three-year-old baby must appear in person in the prisoner's dock at the bearing on appeal. This will be quite an unprecedented occurrence, so far as is known here, but if the baby were not to come forward in person the appeal would fail and the conviction be confirmed. There is no doubt that the court will solemnly dismiss the charge against the infant, who will be set free, probably by that time screaming. by that time screaming.

THOUSAND MILES IN AN OPEN BOAT

Thrilling Experience of Gallant Young Norwegian Captain And Two of His Men.

ADRIFT IN ANTARCTIC OCEAN.

Eleven Men on a Storm-swept Isl In South Seas Will Probably to Soon be Rescued.

Special Correspondence. ELBGURNE, March 20.—In the South Indian ocean on a barren and desolate island, thousands of miles from the active world and far from the course of ships, 11 men, shipwrecked there four months ago, are supposed to be still alive and awaiting rescue, which, unknown to

them, is now at hand.

Determined to risk everything to save themselves and send rescue to their comrades who had no other hope of escape from a living death, the and two of his crew set out in a small dory on a 4,000 miles voyage to Austra-lia. The odds against them were overlia. The odds against them were over-whelming but fortune favored the three brave men. After covering a thousand miles in their tiny craft, they werepicked up nearly dead from exposure

and exhaustion by a Dutch sailing ves-sel and brought to this port. Clark Russell's novels contain no more thrilling tale of the sea than that told by Capt. Ree. He is a young and sturdily built Norwegian, with fair, curiy locks and features which at once disclose his nationality. Since child-hood he has been at sea, with the ex-ception of six months, when, strange to ception of six months, when, strange to say, he was a newspaper artist in Phit-adelphia. And now, at the early age of 25, he is the captain of a ship-wrecked crew, after crowding into the last 10 weeks more stirring incidents than usually fall to the lot of a sailor to a life time. in a life time.

UPON THE ROCKS.

His story runs like this: The Norwegian bark Catherine, under his com-mand, was on a sealing expedition in Antarctic regions. On the first of De cember last the vessel lay at anchor in American Bay, Possession Island. This is one of the barren and rocky members of the Crozet group way to the south of the Indian ocean, within the zone of floating ice from the Polar region. While the bay offered a good shelter from westerly winds, it was open to the east and when a gale prung up from that quarter without varning, the small ship was at its mer-y. The anchors dragged and the ship ras soon thrown against an unchar-ered rock. The crew had barely taken o the boats when a monstrous sea lashed their abandoned vessel to deces. Their own boats came within in acc of being swamped, but as they eared the beach a huge wave landed hem high and dry on the island. There hey watched their broken yessel, with Il their provisions, toss about in the

The raging storm, as if to tantalize The raging storm, as if to tantalize its victims, threw small pleess of the wreckage on to the shore. Plunging into the surf, the men secured what large pieces they could and later built a crude hut. A search of the island disclosed a store of provisions which had been left there by a British warship 27 years before. The tins of preserved meat were a mass of rust, the biscuits had turned green, and the flour was in a rotten state. But desperate biscuits had turned green, and the soft was in a rotten state. But desperate hunger did not despise these things. They might as well die of poisoning as starvation. The mouldy flour was made into pancakes, and mixed with penguin soup. Seals as well as penguins were found to be plenty, but as a steady diet only famished men would steady diet only famished men would adopt it.

NO OTHER HOPE.

From the first the captain had held that their only hope of ever being de-livered from this terrible plight was for some of the party to set out in a heat on the 4.000 ralles voyage to Australia, on the 4,000 rales voyage and if saved, send some ship to rescue those left behind. The crew regarded those left behind. The crazy one. There the scheme as a crazy one. There wasn't one chance in a hundred, they